



South Dakota PRICES RECEIVED

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CATTLE AND HOG PRICES UP SLIGHTLY

SIOUX FALLS, October 30, 1999 -- Preliminary cattle and hog prices for October increased from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Preliminary lamb and crop prices indicate downward movement for October.

The preliminary October, all beef cattle price, at \$71.80, was up \$1.50 from last month and up \$7.90 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$76.60, were up \$2.00 from September and up \$8.70 from last year. Calves, at \$96.90, were up \$1.00 from last month and \$15.00 higher than last October.

The preliminary October all hog price, at \$35.40, was up 30 cents from last month and up \$5.40 from last year. Barrows and gilts were \$5.20 higher than last year while sows were up \$6.90.

The preliminary all wheat price for October, at \$2.41, was down 18 cents from last month and down 48 cents from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$2.22, was down 23 cents from last month and down 28 cents from last October. The spring wheat price, at \$2.48, was down 17 cents from last month and down 61 cents from last year. The October soybean price, at \$4.17, was down 7 cents from last month and down 64 cents from last year. The corn price, at \$1.36, was down 8 cents from last month and down 22 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$6.22, was down 87 cents from last month and down \$3.53 from last year.

The all hay price for October, at \$43.00 per ton, was unchanged from September, but was \$9.00 below last year. The alfalfa price, at \$47.00 per ton, was up \$1.00 from last month but down \$8.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$30.00, was down \$2.00 from last month and down \$7.00 from October 1998.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	October 1998 1/	September 1999 1/	October 1999 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.58	1.44	1.36
Soybeans	Bu.	4.81	4.24	4.17
Sunflowers	Cwt.	9.75	7.09	6.22
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.89	2.59	2.41
Winter	Bu.	2.50	2.45	2.22
Other Spring	Bu.	3.09	2.65	2.48
Durum	Bu.	5/	2.31	5/
Barley, All	Bu.	1.65	2.22	2.44
Feed	Bu.	1.34	1.46	1.40
Malt	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Oats	Bu.	.92	1.07	1.08
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	63.90	70.30	71.80
Cows	Cwt.	31.20	36.00	36.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	67.90	74.60	76.60
Calves 4/	Cwt.	81.90	95.90	96.90
Hogs, All	Cwt.	30.00	35.10	35.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	31.30	36.50	36.50
Sows	Cwt.	20.10	24.60	27.00
Lambs	Cwt.	68.90	77.10	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	25.70	27.90	NA
Hay, All	Ton	52.00	43.00	43.00
Alfalfa	Ton	55.00	46.00	47.00
Other	Ton	37.00	32.00	30.00

1/ Entire month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

